

think this is one of its most outstanding attributes, is crime prevention, but even greater than that, because I know you cared enough to put this into the appropriations bill, that this Legislature does have the commitment, that they do care and they do see the unfairness that occurs to a victim who through no fault of their own is further victimized many times by the criminal justice system. So on behalf of equity and fairness I ask you to please vote for this amendment. Thank you. Or I hope that you support this motion to overturn the Governor's veto. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. Senator Pirsch gave a very emotion stirring speech and pointed out all the philosophical reasons that it is probably a good idea to look at doing something like this in Nebraska's largest city, Omaha. It has worked well in Lincoln and it has worked well in Kearney. I am not going to go back and reiterate what Carol, or excuse me, what Senator Pirsch said with regard to the programs and the good that it does. What I am going to talk to you about is a little bit of the process. We had a hearing in the Appropriations Committee and brought in people from Omaha, the police chiefs, the county attorneys and people in Lincoln and Kearney and talked about how well the programs are working and subsequent to that the Appropriations Committee did decide to fund this Omaha Center. It was in the budget. After Governor Kerrey came back to the Legislature and suggested some cuts we went back into committee and made some cuts of our own and this is one of the programs that was cut. And then on the floor, Senator Pirsch and myself and some other senators, Goodrich, voted to indeed fund this in our final budget. So it has been into the budget, out of the budget and back in again and now it is out again. I am asking you one last time to put it back into the budget. It is \$39,000. One thing that I did do in Appropriations Committee when asking for this money for the Omaha senators I looked for money from other places within the budget so we could make up this money and there were some vacancy savings and there were some transfers that we could do so we did those things and we came within, I think it was a hundred dollars of fully funding this program out of transfers within the program so it is not totally new money. As I said, we used some vacancy savings and some transfers to the Grand Island Training Center on salaries and paid it out of cash as opposed to general so that we would not really